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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Papers Filed.

Month March 1900

SUBJECT.

Defalcation of clamas by various
Salaried Clamb Under Kola DC office

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
	Continued to B Hamilton

S.R. - B

Office N. 1

Stamps defalcation
Kolar District

Please see secy's
Order on Dr Govts
No: 2789/569 dy 20th Feby
1900

also subsqt. reports
recd from the Dr
Govt -
No: 2936/604 dy 6.3.00.
" 3024/619 dy 14.3

As regards Examination
tion of stock balance
in the possession of
Official Vendors,
please see para 33
of G.O. No. 6577-80/
Mis. 145
Dated 25.11.98
put up

the amount due to Govt. has been recovered and the vendor punished criminally. The D.C's letter No. 6th March gives the necessary details & also names the officials who have failed to examine the stock balance

The actual arrangements made require to be approved.

Papers regarding the appointment of salaried vendors are in D.C.O, having been sent for ref: on 16.2.00.

Submitted
Secretary
27/3/00

The letter of 6th March) to the Commissioner from favour of Early remarks & opinion.
27/3/00.

Send the explanation / excuse

As per foregoing order the file was sent to the Comptroller Mysore Govt. for opinion and remarks. In reply the Comptroller now reports that he has nothing further to add to what the Dy. Commr has brought to light but only to repeat the recommendation already made by him on similar occurrences in Shimoga, Tumkur & Mysore District Treasuries, that the appointments of Salaried Vendors may be abolished throughout the Province.

As the references above referred to were not traceable in the office records, the Controller was asked to quote the No and date of the letters in which the

vide letter No 5942 dy 16/5/00 from the Comptr.

Subs.

* In the files relating to the embezzlement cases in the Shimoga & Mysore Dts the Comptroller's opinion herein stated is not forthcoming. A docketed no. is not quoted the no & date of the letters is/ were not given.

* The references relating to defalcation in the Mysore treasury were called for from the Dewan on 16/2/00.

× Docket No 840 / 7182 dy 28/7/00.

× in re embezzlement cases in the Shimoga & Tumkur Districts.

he made the recommendation 4
for the abolition of Salaried
Stamp vendors throughout
-out the State.

In reply to the above
reference, the Comptroller
now reports that thro' + Letter No 3261 of 5/12/00.
oversight his proposals
in regard to the abolition
of Salaried Vendors which
he had then formulated
and intended to make,
were not submitted to
Govt.

Submitted for orders
11
12/12/00

Submitted to
2d Councillor

May the Comptr:
be requested to
formulate & sub-
-mit his proposals
for the abolition of
Salaried vendors
throughout the State?

11
12/12/00

Yes ask him
to do so
13/12/1900

R. 12/12/00
Sd

draft sub
11
17/12/00

(Office note continued 5

In reply to orders as above, the Comptroller submits a statement shewing the existing number of salaried vendors, their pay, the average sales of stamps effected thro' them, the amount of salary disbursed to them, and the amount of Commission that would be payable if the stamps had been sold by licensed vendors. An abstract of the statement is given below.

	2			3	4	5
No. of Salaried Vendors	Pay per annum			Average sales for the last 3 years ending 1899-1900 in all the Districts (Shemoga excepted)	Commission payable @ 2 1/2 per cent on the amounts in Col. (3)	Difference between (2) & (4) that is, loss.
2 on 30 Rs	720	"	"			
5 on 25 Rs	1500	"	"			
1 on 18 Rs	216	"	"	Rs 1,18,165 — " — "	Rs 2554 — " —	Rs 182
1 on 15 Rs	180	"	"			
1 on 10 Rs	120	"	"			
Total	2736	"	"	1,18,165 — " — "	2554 — " —	182 —

The total cost of the Stamp Vendors establishment exceeds the Commission payable by Rs 182 per annum. This the Comptroller states, does not include the prospective charge on account of pensions to the members of the establishment for which 1/10th of the total cost, or Rs 273 should be added. Thus the total excess amounts to Rs

Rs 453 a year.

As the system of selling stamps through salaried Vendors is more costly and is also attended with risk of loss through defalcation of Govt money by ~~salaried~~ Vendors, the Comptroller recommends that this establishment may be replaced by licensed Vendors throughout the State, the ~~near~~ abeyance Service being gradually otherwise provided for.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Govt 26/7/01

I think the Comptroller's proposal may be carried out - but the drawback in it is that the appointments may be made without due regard to necessity and so as to give inadequate income to the vendors. This may lead to abuse by inducing these men to levy blackmail from ignorant pur-

chasers in out of the
way places. But this
however is not likely
to be widespread.

~~He may not have~~
~~check~~ This may
also lead to fictitious
sales of general stamps.

18/8/1901

To the 3rd
Councillor

(116)
20/8/01

Whilst I was
in Cairns I received
a communication
from a Mr Smith
in which he
suggested
a method
whereby
defalcations of
Govt. money
could be detected
& asked for
my opinion.
Such defalcations
may be perpetrated
with advantage
by

20/8/01

31/8

Draft Memo
re Dewan before
issue Hon
5/9

I would solicit further orders. ~~Is the~~ May the order issue at once or should the matter be also placed before ~~the~~ Dewan? How are the present offly to be dealt with? May the order be that vacancies need not be filled up in future?

Hon
4/1/1901

To the
Jud Councillor

I will be much obliged if you will kindly let me have your views on the recommendations contained in the Memo re Executive Officers. Although the matter is not strictly connected with the Judicial Dept, I think 5/9

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1899 – 1951

From The Deputy Commissioner Kolar Dist.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore Rev. & Genl. Dept.

Dated 26th Jan 1900.

Despatched

Received

General No. 2567

No. 510

Enclosure No. 1

Reporting that the Stamp Vendor Nanjunda Iya of this office has defalcated and promising further report.

drafted 31/1/00

Seen. Let the / marked report be moved in a circle & returned to the Head Asst as early as possible 31-1-1900

R 27.1.1900

Submitted 29/1/00

29/1/00

I Enclosure
No. 2567 En one
510.

Deputy Commissioners
office
Kola District
Dated 26th January 189

To,

The Secretary to the Government
of Bengal
General and Revenue department

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
for the information of Government,
copy of an order left by Mr. Sparkes
on the eve of his departure from the
district on leave. I have accordingly
placed the stamp Vendor under
arrest, and am getting his accounts
thoroughly overhauled with the help
of the district Treasury accounts
from the date of his first appoint-
-ment to the office in May 1894.

A further report as to the
result will be made shortly.

I have the honor to
be Sir.
Your most obedient Servant

H Rawlins Jackson
Offg Dy Commissioner
Kola District

Order

Paid Stamp Vendor Ranjundiah having apparently falsified the Government Accounts in that he has shewn a large balance of Rs 499-15-0 at his credit in Stamps and has only 28-6-0 worth to show for it and has thereby misappropriated the advance of Rs 500 worth of Stamps made to him by Government for sale, he is suspended from service and will be prosecuted

The Amount of Rs 28/. paid by him into the Treasury will be held in deposit pending further Enquiry.

The Rs 28-6-0 worth of Stamps at present in the possession of Ranjundiah will

will be taken charge of by the
Police

80/. H-H-Sparkes

Dy Commissioner

Copy

R. Armstrong

A/ Dy Comm[illegible]

BH

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Draft as per order

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The Deputy Commr
Kolar Dt

Dated 2/2/00.

No. 5547/H. 770.

His letter No. 2567/510 dated 26th June 1900, re-porting the misappro-priation by Stamp Vendor Ranjendcoll of his office, of Rs 50 worth of Stamps & promising that a further report will be sub-mitted as to the re-sult of the investigation into his accounts, as he has directed.

Has the honour to state that the further report promised is awaited and will be submitted as early as possible.

Yours

for Secy

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... with what remain...

9/3/00 -

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9/3/00

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Abbott
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1900

FROM The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Revl & Genl Depttt.

Dated 20th February 1900.

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Received

General No. 2789

No. 569

Enclosure No. 1

Submitting further report regarding the misappropriation of stamps by the Salaried Stamp Vendor Nanjeundiah of the Kolar District.

As there are no rules or standing orders regarding the periodical examination of stamps & cash in the hands of stamp vendors.

1/3/00

Mr
I believe the Treasury Officer is expected to verify the stock every month but up or refer to the provisions in the Civil Account Code & the standing orders

1/3/00

A printed copy of Rules and Notifications under General stamp and Court fees act put up.

5/3/00 5/3/00

Report seen
Please see para 11, pg 2 & p 22 of the Compilation

8/3/00

Draw the Dy Comrs attention to the above & enquire how often & by what officer the examinations required by the Rules are conducted since

28.2.00

Refer

28/2/00

Submitted
Refer put up
1.3.00

1/3/00

Deputy Commr's Office, Kolar.

Dated 20th February 1900

From

The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

To, The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Rev: & Jud: Department.

Sir,

With reference to your docket No 5577/770 dated the 2nd instant calling for the early submission of the further report regarding the misappropriation of stamps by Salaried Vendor Nanjundaiya, of this District, I have the honor to state that I have had the accounts thoroughly overhauled from the date of his appointment in May 1894 and a statement showing the general results is appended, from which it will be seen that the total issues made by the Treasurer to the Salaried Vendor up to December 1899 amounted to

to Rs: 47405-8-u; adding to this Rs 190-12-u.
the value of Stock on hand
when he came to the charge on the
1st May 1894, his total liability
amounted to Rs: 47596-4-u of which
he has in all remitted Rs: 47096-5-u
leaving Rs 499-15-u to be still account-
-ed for. This corresponds with the
last balance of stamps as per
Vendor's accounts. At the time
of examination of stock by Mr
H. H. Sparkes on 23rd January 1900
the Vendor is stated to have produced
the marginally noted value of

1 annas	18	1-2
4 do	7	1-12
6 do	8	3-u
8 do	41	20-8
one Rupee	2	2-u
Total		28-6-u

stamps and Rs 20/ in
cash, making a total
of Rs 48-6-u. But a
re-examination of the stamps made
by the Head Quarter
Inspector when taking
formal charge of them
from the Vendor on the 30th January 1900
they were found to amount in value
to only Rs: 22-11-u as detailed in
the

the margin. I accepted this lower figure as it was supported by an inventory of the stamps given by the Vendor himself above his own signature.

		No	Rs	cs.
1 anna stamps		35	2	3
4 -	do	7	1	12
6	do	8	3	-
8	do	23	11	8
12 -	do	3	2	4
1 Rupee		2	2	-
Total		78	22	11 -

Of the Rs: 20/- in cash produced by him as already stated it was found that only Rs 5/- was the sale proceeds of stamps, the other Rs 15/- having been advanced to him by a pleader for the purchase of a stamp which was never issued. The latter applied for a refund of his money and this has been complied with. Deducting therefore Rs: 27- 11 -. for which credit has been taken the Vendor had to account for Rs 472- 4 - which has been fully recovered from his Security deposit and duly credited to the Treasury this day.

A further report will be made

made as soon as the result
of his criminal trial is known

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
as Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

VI

Statement shewing the Value of Stamps issue
end of December 1899 and the amount
balance outstanding against him.

Years	Total Value of court fee Stamps issued from the Distant Treasury to the Treasury	Deduct Value of Stamps issued by the Treasurer to						Balance to Offici Vendo	
		Talaks			Commission Vendors				
1894	30 877	10	..	23 880				6997	10
				16 730	10	.	to Talaks		
1895	54037	4	0	27 390			to Shimoga Dry	9916	10
				44 120	10				
1896	36 802			25 907	10			10894	6
1897	36514	10		24 977	8			11537	2
1898	29869	4	0	31 321	2	0	1065 6	7482	12
1899	30 972	8		30395	8			577	
Total	2 29 073	4		180 602	6		1065 6	47 405	8
	Value of Stamps handed over by his predecessor on 1st May 1894							190	12
							Total Rs:	47 596	4

Deputy Commr's Office, Kolar.
Dated 21st February
1900

to the Taluks and Vendors from May 1894, upto the

remitted by the Official Stamp Vendors and the

issued	Amount remitted to the District Treasury by the Official Vendor		Balance of cash to be accounted for by the Official Vendor. —			
	6863	11	.	.	.	
	9781	15	.	.	.	
	10637	7	.	.	.	
	11515	15	.	.	.	
	7482	12	.	.	.	
	577	.	.	.	.	
	46858	5	.	.	.	
	105	.	.			Deduct amount remitted by the Kolar Taluk on 21st December 1895.
	133	.	.			Do do on 30-10-97
			499	15	.	Balance to be accounted for
	47096	5	0			

Sd. Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

True Copy

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8-3-00

Sl 5617
No. 1203
1899 900

From The Deputy Commissioner of Salt Revenue

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore Revenue and Excise Department

Dated 6th ? Bangalore

Despatched ? March

Received 7th ?

General No. 2936

No. 604 ✓

Enclosure No. 2 files of Papers

Submitting further report about the defalcation of stamps by Salaried Stamp Vendor Nanjundiah

M Venkatasubbaiah
Secretary
with a note
SL
27/3/00

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Malar District
Dated 6th March 1900

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
(Revenue and General Department)
Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of
this Office letter No. 769/569
dated 20th February 1900, I
have the honor to report that
Siddi Sundia has been tried
and convicted of an offence
under Section 109 Indian
Penal Code by the 1st Class
Assistant Commissioner and
1st class

1st class magistrate who
has sentenced him to one
months simple imprison-
ment and a fine of Rupees
20, and on a careful consider-
tion of all the circumstances
of the case, I am not pre-
pared to say that the sen-
tence was unduly severe.
Nanjundiah has been dis-
missed and I do not recom-
mend that he may be pres-
cribed from re-employment
in the Public Service. —

2. In his deposition given
before Mr Sparkes on the
25th January 1900 Nanjundiah
stated that some 4 years
ago in Kurnukki (96-97) about
400 Rupees worth of Stamps
in his charge were stolen.
He has adhered to the above

Statement

statement in his defence
before the trying magistrate
and from an official re-
-cords I have made bold
to believe that Sha-
-madiah's explanation of the
manner in which the
deficiency in his stock
originated is not without
foundation. —

3. A reference to Mr.
Shankar's order of the 23rd
January 1900 will show that
the balance against Narayan
Vishnu on that date was
Rupees 499.15 — and a thorough
examination of his accounts
has disclosed the fact that
he had hardly the means
to account for at
the close of December 1899.

x Now acting
as underlay
which all appear

4. Mr Shamrao who
was district Treasurer for over
8 years appears to have been re-
gularly examining the Vendor's
accounts once a month till
November 1897 and the Vendor
managed to reduce the balance
at his credit by the close
of each month to less than
Rupees 500 with rare exceptions.
But the Vendor's indents presented
on intermediate dates were
not examined by the Treasurer
with reference to stock balance
or with even the Vendor's daily
register of sales and the
result was that the Vendor
was frequently given credits
in excess of his security
amount on the strength of
his indents falsely showing
small stock on hand. To
quote one glaring instance.
In an indent preferred on the
25th June 1896 the Vendor showed

a fictitious No. shd balance
of only rupees 213-1-a and
certificated a supply of
stamps to the value of
rupees 278. He in this bringing
the total to rupees 491.15 a
But as a matter of fact
the actual No shd balance
with him on that date was
rupees 429-4 a. This with the
value of issues as above amounted
to rupees 708-2 a or rupees
208.2 a in excess of his security
amount which would not
have been permitted, had his
indent been tested by the
Treasurer as it ought to have
been.-

5. I have referred above
to the prevalence of the balance
against the Undertaking the
same in amount as the 25th
January 1900 (as it was at
the end of November 1899

My

Mr. Krishniegel as the
District Treasury Officer
passed an order on the 4th
December 1897 in the following
words- "Issue stamps for the
amount remitted." Which led
to the passing of this order has
not been satisfactorily explained.
If was an order which the
Treasury officer had no authority
to issue as it had the effect
of converting the Credit system
to one of Ready money. Another
unauthorised proceeding was
the introduction about this
time of a change in the
prescribed form of indent
under which the Vendor caused
to show the stock on hand
and even the monthly Summa-
tion of the Vendor's requisi-
tions was dropped by the Treasurer from
1897. The rules require a
half yearly Examination of
the

the Treasury stock and a quarterly examination of his Accounts by the Treasury Officers. The former examination was last held by Mr Hutchinson on 6th December 1896 and has not been repeated since. The latter does not appear to have been attempted, even. But for these grave irregularities the actual state of things would not have remained undetected so long. —

6. The present acting Treasurer Isabella Rowe took up the duties of the office in October 1896 and has continued in it without a break of a month or so. During all this period he admits that he never examined the account of the stock in hand of the Vendor and he pleads ignorance

of

of the rules on the subject.
Such barefaced admissions
are enough to stamp him
as quite unfit to fill the
responsible office of District
Treasurer. There is his further
admission that about the
3rd August 1899 he received
a money order for rupees
200 to his address from
a relative of the Vendor
with instructions to hand
over the amount to the latter
which he did. Although this
sum with 2 rupees more
appears to have been re-
mitted to the Treasury
by the Vendor on the 7th
Idem: the acting Treasurer's
share in the transaction
cannot but attract
unfavorable notice and I
have in anticipation of
Government

Communication
received this to be formed
noting appointment of
Deputy Accountant in
the Income Department
of the District Office Ampara
in his place Saravanamuttu
Shanmugadoss of Kalmunai.
I beg that the temporary
arrangement may be kindly
sanctioned subject to
revision hereafter if necessary.
2. The Criminal proceedings
referred to together with Certain
other papers as per list
attached are forwarded for
reference and obtaining
return.

I have the honour
to be
Your most obedient
servant
[illegible]
for Deputy Commissioner